Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has approved the prices of all packs and strengths of Avil, Baralgon, Lasix and Daonil range formulations under DPCO, 1979;

(b) if so, what price was approved for each pack and strength of each formulation and what price was charged under DPCO, 1979 for each by the company;

(c) when did the Ministry approve the prices of each of these formulations;

(d) what was the rate on which recovery has been worked out for each pack of Avil, Baralgon, Daonil and Lasix; and

(e) what are the basis on which rate of recovery was worked out in the absence of approved prices of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) The required details, to the extent available, would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Price fixation on the basis of purchase invoices

1397. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3599 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what are the names of the formulations for which price were fixed from January 1988 to date after verification of purchase invoices of bulk drugs;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is not verifying the purchase invoices before fixing the prices of finished medicines in most of the cases;

(c) whether it is also a fact that non-verification of purchase invoices is giving unintended benefit to the formulators and is against the interests of the consumers;

(d) whether it is also a fact that this is being encouraged and abetted by his Ministry only through the sub-committee of DPRC; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to fix prices based on purchase invoices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (e) While fixing the prices of formulations, notified price/weighted average price of the concerned bulk drugs is allowed as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. In the case of imported bulk drugs, average import price furnished by DGHS is allowed, where available.

Price fixation of drugs

1398. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of a few formulations based on Betamethasone and its salts have been notified in the year 1988;

(b) if so, strength and pack of each of these formulations;

(c) what was the price taken of Betamethasone and its salts on which the prices of formulations have been notified;

(d) whether it is also a fact that still prices of a number of packs, strengths and combination of these drugs are to be notified; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons for non-fixation of prices and by when the same will be fixed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The required details to the extent available are given in the statement